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- 1. THE SECRETARY'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT, WHICH WILL BE RELEASED TO THE PUPLIC ON APRIL 19, CONTAINS FOLLOWING REFERENCES TO UOLIVIA:
- (A) IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE CHAPTER UNDER THE SUB- HEADING OF BOLIVIA: QUOTE - DURING 1972 THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT, UNDER PRESIDENT HUGO BANZER, CONCENTRATED ITS MAJOR EFFORTS ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. MANY INHERITED FROM THE PREVIOUS REGIME. THE GOVERNMENT SETTLED ALL EXPROPRIATION CASES THAT ORIGINATED WITH THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT AND ENCOURAG-ED NEW PRIVATE INVESTMENT, BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN. TO RESOLVE ITS FISCAL AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIFFICULTIES, THE GOVERNMENT IN LATE OCTOBER DECREED A 40 PERCENT CURRENCY DEVALUATION. THIS MEASURE WAS SUPPORTED BY THE INTER-NATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION MEASURES DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT AND ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE DEVACUATION. THE UNITED STATES RESPOND-ED TO A BOLIVIAN REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF ITS DEVALUATION/ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITIES WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO DO THE JOB. ROGERS

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